

## CLAIMS

1. A method for handling off-loading and retrieval of document content in a document processing system, said method comprising the steps of:

5                   detaching content from a document;

                  transferring the detached content to a repository; and

                  replacing the transferred content with a placeholder text message stating that the detached content has been transferred, and a retrieve button having is executable code associated therewith that enables retrieval of the detached content from the repository when the button is selected.

2. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the text message is included in the document.
3. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the button is presented to a user via a graphical interface of a document processing application.
4. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the button is inserted in the document.
- 15   5. The method according to Claim 1, wherein further comprising the step of removing the placeholder text message and the button from the document when the detached content is restored from the repository to the document.
6. A system for handling off-loading and retrieval of document content in a document processing system, comprising:

20                   means for detaching content from a document;

                  means for transferring the detached content to a repository; and

means for replacing the detached content in the document with a placeholder text message indicating that the detached content has been transferred to the repository and may be retrieved, and a retrieve button associated with executable code that enables retrieval of the detached content back from the repository upon selection of the button.

7. The system according to Claim 6, wherein the document processing system includes a graphical interface which presents the button.
8. The system according to Claim 6, further comprising means for inserting the button in the document.
9. The system according to Claims 6, further comprising means for removing the placeholder text message and the button when the detached content is retrieved from the repository.
10. Computer-readable code for execution in a data processing system comprising software code portions for handling off-loading and retrieval of document content in a document processing system, said code comprising:

first subprocesses for detaching content from a document;

second subprocesses for transferring the detached content to a repository; and

third subprocesses for replacing the transferred content with a placeholder text message stating that the detached content has been transferred, and a retrieve button having is executable code associated therewith that enables retrieval of the detached content back from the repository when the button is selected.